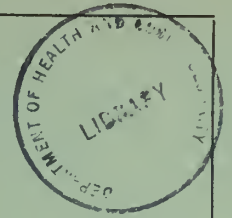


CUDWORTH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

C. G. ODDY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Divisional Health Office,
33 Queens Road,
Barnsley.

September, 1970.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

for the Year ended 31st December, 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fourth Annual Report on the health and social conditions of your district for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

This year witnessed a small but significant decrease in the population and adjusted birth rate of the district, which is now slightly lower than the comparable rate for England and Wales. The adjusted death rate was only slightly higher than in the previous year and the principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were heart and circulatory disease, respiratory disease and cancer. The infant mortality, peri-natal mortality and stillbirth rates were adversely influenced by the occurrence during the year of three stillbirths and five infant deaths under one year of age.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease fell during the year due to a decrease in the number of cases of measles. This may have been the result of the immunisation scheme which was introduced in the previous year. It is pleasing to record no notification of food poisoning during the year for your district.

I would once again like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council for their continued support during the year. I have once again enjoyed an excellent working relationship with your Public Health Inspector, Mr. S. Wheeler. I have also received excellent co-operation from your Clerk, Mr. W.A. Duggleby, and Surveyor, Mr. J.L. Gibb.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the Divisional Administrative Officer, Mr. L.S. Wrigg, and staff of the Divisional Health Office for their hard work and loyal support at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C.G. ODDY

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

URBAN DISTRICT OF CUDWORTH

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area	- 1,746 acres
Registrar General's estimate of Population mid 1969	- 9,170
No. of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book at 31st December, 1969	- 2944
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1969	- £247,264. Os. Od.
Nett product of a penny rate 1969/1970	- £975. 1s. 5d.

The principal occupations of the inhabitants of the district are coal-mining, carbonisation of coal and railway transport.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The Registrar General's estimated population at mid 1969 was 9,170, a decrease of 40 over the previous year.

The natural increase of population showing the increase of births over deaths was 58, a decrease of 29 compared with 1968.

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	79	70	149
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	<u>82</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>159</u>

The number of live births registered showed a decrease of 29 over the previous year. The Registrar General again supplied a comparability factor which relates the proportion of women of child-bearing age in the district with the proportion in a standard population. The crude birth rate multiplied by the comparability factor gives an adjusted rate which is comparable with adjusted birth rates in other districts and with the birth rate for the country as a whole. The adjusted birth rate for your district last year was 16.1 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 19.0 per 1,000 estimated population in 1968 and with 16.3 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales.

Stillbirths

Three stillbirths were notified during the year, three more than in 1968. The stillbirth rate was, therefore, 18.5 per 1,000, compared with Nil per 1,000 total births in 1968 and with a rate of 13.2 for England and Wales.

Deaths

The adjusted death rate, which is the crude death rate multiplied by the comparability factor, was 15.4 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 15.2 per 1,000 estimated population for 1968, and with 11.9 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales. There were 101 deaths among the inhabitants of your district during the year, the same as the previous year. The principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were heart and circulatory diseases, respiratory diseases and cancer. Statistics relating to death rates and the causes and ages at death are given in tabular form at the end of the section on vital statistics.

Infant Mortality

There were 5 infant deaths in your district last year giving an infant mortality rate of 31.4 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 16.0 per 1,000 live births in the previous year. The table of infant mortality shows the ages and causes of death of these infants.

There was no illegitimate infant death.

Peri-natal Mortality

The peri-natal mortality rate is dependent upon the number of stillbirths plus the number of infant deaths occurring in the first week of life. This figure rose to 43.2 in 1969, compared with 5.3 in 1968 and with 23.7 for the administrative County.

Maternal Mortality

I am pleased to report no deaths from maternal causes during the year.

Infant Mortality in 1969

Nett deaths from stated causes under one year of age

of Death	Under 1 week	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3-4 wks.	Total under four weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	Total under 1 year
iratory sease	2				2					2
enital fect	1				1					1
cho- eumonia					-		1			1
aturity	1				1					1
TOTALS:	4	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	5

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

Cause of Death	Under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+	TOTAL	
											Males	Females
Malignant Neoplasm- lung, bronchus							1		3	2	5	1
Malignant Neoplasm- stomach								2		1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm- testis									1		-	1
Malignant Neoplasm- ovary										1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm- prostate									1		1	-
Leukaemia							1				-	1
Other malignant neoplasms, etc.							1		1	1	-	3
Diabetes mellitus										1	-	1
Other endocrine, etc. diseases								1			1	-
Angitis									1		1	-
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.									1		1	-
Gonorrheic rheumatic joint disease								1	2		2	1
Intensive disease								1	1		2	-
Ischaemic heart disease						1	1	3	4	11	7	13
Other forms of heart disease									3	2	-	5
Other diseases of circulatory system									1	2	1	2
Cerebrovascular disease					1		2		2	7	5	7
Pneumonia	1				1				1	1	3	1
Cholera and typhoid								4	5	7	15	1
Peptic Ulcer								1			1	-
Other diseases of digestive system							1		1	1	-	3

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS (Cont'd)

Cause of Death	Under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+	TOTAL	
											Males	Females
Chloritis and phrosia					1						1	-
Genital omalia	2										2	-
th injury, etc. fficult labour	1										1	-
er causes of rinatal mortality	1										1	-
ptoms and ill- fined conditions										3	1	2
or vehicle idents				1				1			2	-
other idents										2	2	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	5	-	-	1	3	1	7	14	28	42	56	45

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

	Cudworth Urban District	West Riding Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (provisional figures)
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population:				
Crude 	17.3	16.8	16.9	16.3
Adjusted 	16.1	17.2	17.1	
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population:				
Crude 	11.0	12.3	11.6	11.9
Adjusted 	15.4	12.9	12.6	
Tuberculosis:				
Respiratory 	-	0.03	0.03	0.02
Other 	-	0.01	0.01	0.02
All forms 	-	0.04	0.04	0.04
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	0.65	0.52	0.49	0.61
Cancer of Uterus 	0.11	0.08	0.08	not avail.
Cancer - all forms 	1.74	2.22	2.10	2.35
Cerebro-vascular disease	1.31	1.83	1.70	not avail.
Circulatory disease excluding cerebro-vascular disease	3.60	4.67	4.39	not avail.
Respiratory disease ..	2.18	1.81	1.69	not avail.
Maternal Mortality 	-	0.19	0.20	0.19
Infant Mortality 	31.4	19.3	18.9	18.1
Stillbirths 	18.5	13.8	13.5	13.2
Peri-natal Mortality Rate	43.2	24.5	23.7	23.4

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Staff

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time officer of the Council but is engaged on whole-time public health work, being also Medical Officer of Health for the surrounding districts and the Divisional Medical Officer for Division No. 25 of the West Riding County Council. One Public Health Inspector is employed by the Council.

General Hospitals

The general hospitals serving your district are given below. Their administration rests with the Leeds and Sheffield Hospital Boards through the Local Hospital Management Committees.

Leeds Regional Hospital Board :

Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.
General Hospital, Wakefield.
Leeds General Infirmary.
Headlands Hospital, Pontefract.

Sheffield Regional Hospital Board :

The United Group Hospitals, Sheffield.
The Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.
The St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
Mount Vernon Hospital, Barnsley.

Infectious Diseases Hospitals

All infectious diseases requiring hospital admission were admitted to the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley. The ambulance arrangements were the same as for the previous year with the hospital retaining its own ambulance for the service.

Maternity Home Accommodation

Maternity cases were usually admitted to the following hospitals :

St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.
Pindar Oaks Maternity Home, Barnsley.
Manygates Hospital, Wakefield.
Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth.

The services of the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, and the Maternity Hospital, Leeds, were also available for abnormal obstetric cases.

Tuberculosis

Most patients suffering from the disease are admitted to the Wath Wood Sanatorium and co-operation is maintained with the Chest Physician who holds out-patients' sessions at the Chest Clinic, 46 Church Street, Barnsley.

Details of sessions are as follows :

Tuesday	-	10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon (children)
Wednesday	-	10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon 2.0 p.m. to 4.0 p.m.
Thursday	-	10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon (children)
Friday	-	10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon

Venereal Diseases

The nearest centre for Cudworth patients for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases is in Barnsley.

Address: Special Treatment Centre, Queens Road, Barnsley.

Other centres are situated at Sheffield, Wakefield and Rotherham and a patient suffering from Venereal Disease is at liberty to attend at the centre of his choice. Treatment is completely confidential.

Infant Welfare Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the New Clinic in Sidcop Road, all day on Wednesday.

Ante-natal Clinics were held in the premises on Friday mornings.

Laboratory Service

The laboratory service was provided by the Public Health Laboratory in Wakefield. The laboratory is equipped to deal with all bacteriological and pathological examinations and a complete investigation is undertaken and a report furnished for every specimen sent for examination.

Samples of milk taken under the Food and Drugs Act for chemical analysis were examined by the Public Analyst at the expense of the County Council.

Ambulance Service

The ambulance service is operated by the West Riding County Council. The depot for your area is at South Kirkby - Tel.No. South Elmsall 291.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

One case arose during the year in your District in which it was found necessary to take action under this Section of the Act, in order to obtain an Order for compulsory removal of an aged person to approved residential accommodation for the elderly.

SECTION III

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases in your district last year amounted to 37 cases, compared with 46 in the previous year.

Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis

							<u>No. notified</u>
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>1</u>
			TOTAL	..	..	..	37

Scarlet Fever

Seven notifications were received during the year, compared with 6 in the previous year.

Measles

Twenty-nine cases occurred in the year, mostly in the first quarter, compared with 36 cases in 1968.

Smallpox

No cases of Smallpox occurred during the year.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

No case of Diphtheria, Whooping Cough nor Tetanus occurred during the year. Since the introduction of the computer scheme for vaccination and immunisation it is no longer possible to give district figures as in the previous reports.

Poliomyelitis

No case of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

Jaundice

Infectious Jaundice is now a notifiable infectious disease. No case was notified during the year in the district.

Tuberculosis

There were 4 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year. No death from the disease was reported during the year.

Tuberculosis - Record of Cases during 1969

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F
No. of cases on Register at 1st January, 1969	22	16	2	3
No. of cases notified for the first time during the year ..	3	1	-	-
No. of cases restored to Register	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification	-	-	-	-
No. removed to other districts ..	-	-	-	-
No. cured or otherwise removed from Register	-	-	-	-
No. died from Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
No. died from other causes	2	-	-	-
TOTAL AT END OF 1969	23	17	2	3

SECTION IV

CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Bailey and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my second Annual Report, this one for the year 1969 detailing the environmental health of Cudworth and the work of my department.

Housing - Local Authority

1) As in 1968 there were no new houses built by the Council during 1969, the allocation of 40 not being taken up. It was, however, agreed towards the end of the year that consideration should again be given to the question of building a grouped accommodation scheme together with 40 to 50 two-bedroom, three person bungalows on the Rose Tree Farm estate.

2) August saw the completion of improvements to 44 Council Houses in Albert Street and The Grove.

The main items of improvement being a reorganised bathroom with a W.C. inside the house, new sink unit, a full central heating system worked from a Parkray 77 solid fuel burning room heater, new larger windows in the bathroom, living room and kitchen and a new damp-proof course.

All the work was carried out by direct labour and it is pleasing to report that the cost was approximately £500. below the estimate of £32,777. 0s. Od.

In addition central heating by means of a solid fuel room heater and radiators was installed in 28 aged persons bungalows and 44 houses, these were situated in York Street, East View, Sidcop Road, Horbury Road and Royston Road.

Central Heating, in the form of an Electricaire unit with ducts to the various rooms, was installed by the Yorkshire Electricity Board in the Industrialised Houses, this system replaced the existing Rayburn Princess room heater which for reasons beyond my comprehension, had been fixed in a manner which made them a very real danger to the safety of the occupants from a fire risk point of view.

There was quite a good deal of sceptism about the installation of electricity as a means of heating due to the fact that many tenants were of the opinion that running costs would be far too high to bear.

Private Houses

No houses were built for private occupation during the year.

Slum Clearance

A total of 12 houses were closed during 1969. These were made up as follows :-

Nos.	221	Barnsley Road
	6	Guest Yard
	1 & 2	Low Cudworth Green
	5, 7, 11, 15, 19, 28, 31 & 33	Somerset Street.

Progress with slum clearance is a very slow job due to the fact that the re-housing of occupants is by re-lets of Council Houses and only a small proportion of these, at that.

Of the other areas 2 remain in Guest Yard, this is because the occupants have expressed a desire for bungalows.

No. 75 Bow Street is the subject of a Closing Order, but unfortunately the elderly tenant refused to be re-housed into the flat which was created from two store rooms in Westhaven, preferring as she puts it to finish her days where she is.

Housing Repairs (Private Houses)

This is a continuous job where complaints from tenants of privately rented property seek the existence of this department to obtain repairs. Due to good relations with the various owners and agents, works of repair are usually carried out without resort to formal action.

Subsidence Damage

Damage to property due to subsidence is unfortunately one of the evils which we, as a mining community, must learn to live with, but even so when damage occurs which affects us personally it can become very distressing to say the least. It is to the credit of the National Coal Board that all efforts are made to make matters bearable when works of repair etc. are carried out.

HOUSING STATISTICS

I give below a copy of the Statistics relating to housing, which is submitted to the Ministry.

1.

Number of dwelling houses in the district	2,929
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2.

Number of houses included in above	(a) Back to Back - Nil
	(b) Single Back - Nil

3. Slum Clearance

Estimated number of unfit houses at 31.12.69. in respect of which no representation has yet been made.	28
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4. Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses Elsewhere

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year.	(a) In Clearance Areas	Nil
	(b) Individual Unfit Houses	12

5. Houses Demolished

	No. of Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
<u>In Clearance Areas</u>			
(a) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	-	-
(b) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil	-	-
(c) Houses on land acquired under Sec.43(2) Housing Act 1957	Nil	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
(d) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.16 or 17(1) Housing Act 1957	Nil	-	-
(e) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the M.O.H.	Nil	-	-
(f) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	Nil	-	-

5. Houses Demolished (Cont'd)

	No. of Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(g) Houses included in unfitness orders made under para.2 of the Second Schedule to the Town and Country Planning Act, 1959	Nil	-	-
Number of Houses included in above which were previously reported as closed	Nil	-	-

6. Unfit Houses Closed

	No. of Houses Closed	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(h) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	12	22	8
(i) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil	-	-
(j) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	Nil	-	-

7. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(k) After informal action by local Authority	23	-
(l) After formal notice under		
a) Public Health Acts	1	-
b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957	Nil	-
(m) Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957	Nil	-

8. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act 1957)

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in Column (1) (2)
<u>Position at end of year</u>		
(n) Retained for temporary accommodation:		
a) Under Section 48	Nil	-
b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil	-
c) Under Section 46	Nil	-
(o) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	-

9. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col.(1) (2)
(p) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those in- cluded in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	4	10

10. No. of Families Rehoused during Year into Council Owned Dwellings

(a) Clearance Areas	8
(b) Overcrowding	2

11. Rent Act 1957

(a) No. of Certificates of Disrepair granted	Nil
(b) No. of Undertakings to execute repairs given by Owners to the Local Authority	Nil
(c) No. of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled	Nil

12. Overcrowding

No known legal overcrowding exists in the district.

13. Summary of Notices

Notices for Abatement	Outstanding at 31.12.68.	Issued in 1969	Abated in 1969	Outstanding at 31.12.69.
INFORMAL	7	21	23	5
STATUTORY	1	3	3	1

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The improvement of sub-standard houses continues to make progress at a fairly steady rate, the average of one per week seems to be consistent with the past trend.

1969 saw the passing of the Housing Act, 1969 with its much improved grants together with authority for Local Authorities to make a grant towards repairs, if these are incidental in making the improvement more effective. Unfortunately, the term 'incidental' appears to have created an anomaly in that there is more than one interpretation of how the term should be construed. It will no doubt, be defined as more use is made of the Act or, alternatively the Ministry issue guidance.

The grants are now £200. maximum for Standard and £1,000 for discretionary, with large amounts for improvements which fall into special categories.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications approved in 1969		37
Works completed in 1969		32
Owner/Occupied Houses	23	£6,605. 5s. Od.
Tenanted Houses	9	£1,820. 17s. Od.

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications approved in 1969		18
Works completed in 1969		17
Owner/Occupied Houses	14	£1,347. 5s. Od.
Tenanted Houses	3	£336. 15s. Od.

FOOD INSPECTION AND CONTROL

Slaughterhouses

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district owned by Mr. T. Silverwood, the premises are in extremely good condition having been modernised during last year.

In order to comply with recent legislation, Mr. Silverwood has installed a high pressure water spray in order to spray wash carcasses.

Meat Inspection

This service is one carried out by myself every weekend either Saturday or Sunday, and is a service that most people either know nothing about or take for granted, and, whilst the quality of animal killed is of a very high standard, it is still necessary for the inspection of the meat etc. to be maintained.

The following figures of animals killed and parts condemned are relevant for 1969 :-

	Cattle exc. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
No. killed	263	Nil	Nil	192	Nil	Nil
No. inspected	263	-	-	192	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part was condemned	39	Nil	Nil	20	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysti- cerci	14.4%	-	-	10.4%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases or which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

The following is a list of meat and other food condemned during 1969 :-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Meat at Slaughterhouse	-	3	96
Other Food from W.R.C.C. Schools	-	-	106

The item of other food was a consignment of Pork delivered to one of the W.R.C.C. school canteens.

It was decided in view of the serious implications of unsound food being delivered to a school canteen to take action in accordance with Section 2 of the Food & Drugs Act 1955, and it was subsequently ruled by the Magistrates Court on plea of guilty by the meat suppliers, to implement a fine of £20. with £10. 10s. Od. costs.

Needless to say the quality of meat supplied to schools is now of a higher standard.

Food Hygiene (General Regulations) 1960

All food shops within the district are visited at various times and appear in the main to observe a high standard of cleanliness. Open foods which are, of course, the foods most susceptible to contamination by "air-borne" bacteria, are in most of the shops protected either by enclosed cabinets or deep freeze refrigerators.

The following table is relevant to food shops with regard to Regulations 16, hand washing facilities and 19, food washing facilities.

Type of Premises	Total No. of Premises	Premises complying with Reg. 16	Premises to which Reg. 19 applies	Premises complying with Reg. 19
Butchers	7	7	7	7
Grocers & General	55	55	55	55
Fried Fish Shops	7	7	7	7
Wet Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Meat Products	6	6	6	6
Canteens & Cafes	1	1	1	1

School Canteens

Periodic inspections are made to the various school canteens, but as one might expect these are, due to the very conscientious cooks and canteen staffs, always in excellent condition.

Water Supply

The supply of water to Cudworth is on the whole adequate, and of a relatively soft nature.

All dwellings within the Urban District are connected to the mains supply.

The natural Fluoride content is approximately 0.1 p.p.m.

Public Baths

There is only one Public Baths in Cudworth which is owned and managed by the Council. This comes under the close supervision of Mr. J. Ansell, the Park Superintendent, and is a credit to Mr. Ansell, his staff and the Council.

Bacteriological samples taken during all proved to be negative.

Petroleum Installations

Nine premises are licensed to store and sell petroleum spirit.

With the exception of one or two minor contraventions such as failing to display notices, all premises were up to the standard laid down in the Petroleum Regulations 1928.

A routine inspection is carried out on a voluntary basis by the W.R.C.C. fire service, and any recommendations made by them are passed on to the appropriate licensee for action.

Rodent and Insect Control

This work continues to be necessary, and all agricultural and Horticultural holdings have received routine inspections and treatment where necessary.

The following figures are relevant for 1969 :-

Rodent & Insect Control (Cont'd)

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	3,536	13
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	257	36
Number infested by (i) Rats	199	36
(ii) Mice	30	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than noti- fication	28	6
Number infested by (i) Rats	-	1
(ii) Mice	5	-
Were any sewers infested by rats during the year	NO	

Factories Act 1961

The following table is a copy of the Annual Return to the Department of Employment and Productivity :-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	21	2	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Auth- ority	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	21	21	2	-

Factories Act 1961 (Cont'd)

Cases in which Defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which pro-secutions were instituted
	Found	Reme-died	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Fifty five premises were registered at the end of 1969, an increase of two.

Conditions generally are good, the main contravention being heating, this was put right.

Table 'A' - Registration and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	11	12
Retail Shops	1	35	36
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	5	5
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
TOTALS :	2	53	55

Table 'B'

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises.

Visits - 55

Table 'C'

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	19
Retail Shops	88
Wholesale departments, warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to the public	24
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	1
TOTAL :	133
Total Males	31
Total Females	102

Table 'D' - Exemptions

No exemptions have been granted in respect of space, temperature, sanitary conveniences or washing facilities.

Table 'E' - Prosecutions

No complaints, summary applications or prosecutions have been laid or instituted during the year.

Table 'F' - Inspectors

No. of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act.

Inspectors - 1

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act.

Others - Nil

Pet Animals Act 1951

Two shops are licensed for the sale of pets, both of which are well maintained.

A fee of £2. is payable in each case.

Mortuary

Since the amalgamation of the Police Forces in the surrounding area and the creation of the West Yorkshire Police, the mortuary is being used to a much lesser extent, the majority of accident fatalities being taken to the mortuary at Barnsley.

Scrap Metal Dealers

There are six registered scrap metal dealers in the district, one being only an itinerant dealer, four of the others engaged in the Boulder Bridge area dismantling buses etc.

The one remaining has premises in Bloemfontein Street but by the end of the year, due to notices being served on him to abate (a) nuisances from smoke etc. and (b) nuisance from noise, not a great deal of work was being carried on.

Smoke Control

Progress in the two designated smoke control areas, i.e. Newtown Area No. 1 and Albert Street and The Grove No. 2, had reached the stage where work on removing existing fireplaces and replacing them with solid fuel burning room heaters was quite advanced as the year ended.

The operative date was also fixed at 1st August, 1970 and all work should be complete by that date.

Sanitary Inspection of the District

The following table gives details :

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>								<u>No. of Visits</u>
								<u>Paid</u>
<u>Housing</u>								
Public Health and Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	376
Dirty or Verminous Premises (including inspections of houses of prospective tenants for possible presence of vermin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Improvement Grant Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	280
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	232
Works in Progress	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	375
Shops Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
O.S.R.P. Act (General)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53

Sanitary Inspections of the District (Cont'd)

<u>Nature of Inspection</u>								<u>No. of Visits</u>
								<u>Paid</u>
Brought Forward								1,337
<u>Meat and Food Inspections</u>								
Slaughterhouse	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113
Water Samples	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Food and Drugs Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
<u>Infectious Diseases</u>								
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
<u>General Sanitation</u>								
Accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Abandoned Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Disinfestations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Drainage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Interviews	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,817
Mortuary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Petrol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
Rats and Mice by Public Health Inspector	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Refuse Collection and Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173
Sanitary Accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Scrap Metal Dealers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
Swimming Baths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS								<u>3,768</u>

Drainage and Sewerage

The main sewerage system has for a good number of years been a source of nuisance and concern to the Council, but as the year closed a scheme had been agreed to re sewer the district and also enlarge the sewage works.

This should also eliminate the majority of cesspools in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

This is carried out with a team of one driver and six loaders. Refuse is removed each week from 2,929 properties and 150 shops.

The service functions well, and the Council's thanks are due to the men who carry out the task which is no light one.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of at the Weetshaw Lane Tip. Levelling and covering being carried out by means of a Bray 540 Excavator.

The life of the existing tip is rapidly coming to an end and unless some alternative site can be obtained in the very near future the Council are going to be faced with a very serious problem. This problem can be solved by the removal of inert material from the tip which has been screened, and can then be used for roadmaking etc., or as drainage material. Efforts were being made to get local contractors interested in the material.

Salvage

Waste paper was salvaged from the refuse as the labour situation allowed, and the following figures are relevant for 1969 :-

<u>Weight</u>					
<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qtrs.</u>	£	s.	d.
23	0	1	149.	11.	7.

Conclusion

In concluding this Report I should like to thank all internal and external staff for the help which they have given me during the year.

Yours faithfully,

S. WHEATER

Public Health Inspector.

SECTION V

DIVISIONAL STAFF (as at 31st December, 1969)

<u>Divisional Medical Officer:</u>	C. G. Oddy, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.																
<u>Senior Departmental Medical Officer/ Deputy Medical Officer of Health:</u>	Post vacant since August, 1966																
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DIVISIONAL REPORT

Vital Statistics

A table of comparable vital statistics is shown for each of the County districts in the Division. This may be of interest to each authority in assessing how each stand in relation to each other and in relation to the County and National statistics.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the population in the Division at mid 1969 was 79,890, compared with 80,190 in the previous year. The natural increase in population showing the number of births over deaths was 379 in 1969, compared with 555 in the previous year.

Births

The number of live births registered in the Division in 1969 was 1,305, compared with 1,422 in 1968. This is equivalent to a crude birth rate of 16.3 per 1,000, compared with 17.7 per 1,000 in the previous year. The number of illegitimate births was 85 in 1969. This represents 6.5% of the total births, compared with 5.8% in 1968 and 4.9% in 1967.

Stillbirths

There were 22 stillbirths during the year, compared with 22 during 1968. This gives a stillbirth rate of 16.6, compared with 15.2 in 1968 and with 13.2 for England and Wales.

Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Division after the addition and subtraction of inward and outward transfers was 926, which was 59 more than in the previous year. This gives a crude death rate for the Division of 11.6, as compared with 10.8 in 1968.

Maternal Mortality

I am happy to report that there was no death from this cause during the year. The maternal mortality rate for the Division was Nil, compared with 0.20 for the administrative County and with 0.19 for England and Wales.

VITAL STATISTICS

District	Acres	Registrar General's estimate of population mid 1969	Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.	Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 pop.	Still- Birth Rate	Infant Death Rate	Peri-natal Mortality Rate
CUDWORTH	1,746	9,170	16.1	15.4	18.5	31.4	43.2
DARFIELD	2,018	7,250	17.8	13.9	21.0	14.3	35.0
DARTON	4,718	15,220	15.6	16.4	8.3	8.3	16.5
DODWORTH	1,857	4,400	20.1	14.5	-	10.9	-
ROYSTON	1,452	8,570	16.8	16.9	6.3	25.3	12.6
WOBWELL	3,050	18,970	14.5	14.0	14.7	3.7	14.7
WORSBROUGH	3,420	16,310	14.1	12.3	35.2	20.2	46.9
DIVISION No. 25	19,061	79,890	16.3 (crude)	11.6 (crude)	16.6 (crude)	15.3	25.6
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY		1,786,280	17.1	12.6	13.5	18.9	23.7
ENGLAND AND WALES		Not available	16.3	11.9	13.2	18.1	23.4

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS IN THE DIVISION

	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3-4 wks.	Under 4 wks.	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Congenital defects 	4	1	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	6
Prematurity 	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Respiratory distress syndrome	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Gastro-enteritis 	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Broncho-pneumonia and heart failure	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Meningococcal infection ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
TOTAL 	12	1	-	-	13	1	4	2	-	20

Infant Deaths and Peri-natal Mortality Rates

There were 20 infant deaths in the division in the year, of which 13 occurred in the neo-natal period. This compares with 17 and 12 respectively in the previous year. These figures represent an infant mortality rate for the division of 15.3, compared with 12.0 for the previous year and with 18.1 for England and Wales.

I would like to draw attention to the fact that of the 12 infant deaths occurring within the first week of life, 5 of them were so premature as to be below the age of viability. This means that had they not breathed they would not have been regarded as stillbirths, but rather as miscarriages, and as such would never have entered the official statistics at all. Prematurity was associated with no less than 7 deaths in the neo-natal period, demonstrating the importance of this factor as a contributory cause of death in early infancy. Of the 20 babies who died under one year of age, 19 were born in hospital and one at home. It is also of interest to note that numerically the commonest cause of death in the first week of life was congenital defects, which at the present moment we are unable to prevent to any great extent. These deaths accounted for almost one third of the recorded infant deaths in the division.

The illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births = 11.8 for the division.

Smallpox Vaccination

Some 739 persons under 16 years of age were vaccinated against Smallpox during the year, including 26 re-vaccinations, which represents an increase of 168, compared with 1968. Every effort is made to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated against smallpox during the second year of life. This is the optimum time to perform primary vaccination and reactions tend to be minimal.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Pre-school children On 1st January, 1968, the West Riding County Council introduced a computer scheme of immunisation into the Division following successful pilot schemes in the High Green and Keighley Divisions. The effect of the scheme has been to centralise records of immunisation procedures from the whole County area and, therefore, records of immunisation performed in the Division are now recorded on magnetic tape in Wakefield. Local records are no longer available and it is now impossible to present local district statistics as was usual in the past. The scheme on the whole worked quite smoothly and immunisation against these diseases has been

maintained at a satisfactory high level. Evidence now shows that the introduction of a computer scheme of this nature will increase the overall immunisation rate for a district by approximately ten per cent. This is probably due to the fact that appointments for immunisation are made automatically at the appropriate time to every child in the area where consent for immunisation has been given by the parent of the child. Parents are also allowed the choice of local clinic or family doctor.

Measles Immunisation

The measles immunisation scheme proceeded smoothly with a good acceptance rate until April, 1969, when the Department of Health and Social Security advised that the vaccine in use at the time should be withdrawn, following a report of possible complications arising out of the use of this particular batch of vaccine. As a result of this, all the scheme was temporarily suspended until later on in the year when it was possible to obtain a proven safe vaccine. The table below shows that only 404 children received measles vaccine during 1969, compared with 1,353 during 1968.

Measles Immunisation 1969

	Year of Birth					Others under 16 years	TOTAL
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65		
Number Immunised	1	76	160	62	105	-	404

Tetanus Immunisation

Schoolchildren - Immunisation against Tetanus continued during 1969. Rather fewer children were immunised with primary doses but considerably more booster doses of tetanus vaccine were given in 1969 than in the previous year. Every effort is made to encourage the administration of active tetanus immunisation in the school child, in order to avoid the use of anti-serum in case of injury. More children are now becoming of school age who were immunised against Tetanus in infancy.

Tetanus Immunisation

	Primary	Booster
No. immunised during 1968	1,320	1,623
No. immunised during 1969	825	2,172

Poliomyelitis

During the year 940 children were vaccinated with three doses of oral vaccine, 522 less than were vaccinated during 1968, but 2,426 booster doses were given. I am pleased to report that no cases of this disease were notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

	Year of Birth					OTHERS under 16 years	TOTAL
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962-65		
Primary Course of Oral (3 Doses)	29	641	45	14	119	92	940
Booster (4th Dose)		All age groups eligible					2,426

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The number of children examined at routine medical inspection fell by about one third during the year to a total of 1,921. The method of "selective" medical inspection continued in the case of children attending junior and senior schools in the Division. This scheme is intended to replace the old system of routine inspection whereby every child was submitted for medical inspection by the school doctor. Essentially, the children are selected for examination by questionnaire and teacher referral. At present the scheme is working well and helps to save doctor's time and allows a more detailed study of the children who are selected for examination. Shortage of medical staff continued throughout the year and added to the difficulties of providing a complete school health service capable of dealing with educational and health problems presented to it.

In March, Dr. A. M. Gill, who was full-time Departmental Medical Officer, left the service and since then it has not been possible to appoint a full-time Medical Officer in the Department, apart from the Divisional Medical Officer. The essential clinical work has been carried on by utilising the services of a part-time Medical Officer, together with sessional help from general practitioners in the area. It follows that the Divisional Medical Officer has had no deputy to act on his behalf during the year, either in respect of County Council duties or the County District Council duties.

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS FOUND

Defect	Periodic Inspections	Special Inspections
Eye	58	13
Ear, Nose and Throat ...	41	23
Heart	6	2
Lungs	3	-
Orthopaedic	8	7
OTHER	33	45

SCHOOL DOCTORS' AND SPECIALIST CLINIC ATTENDANCES

District	Ophthalmic	Ear, Nose and Throat	Orthopaedic	Child Guidance
Cudworth	108	-	63	12
Darfield	64	-	7	-
Darton	125	-	104	55
Dodworth	50	-	6	2
Royston	115	-	11	58
Wombwell	196	-	7	5
Worsbrough	149	-	65	24
Other areas	39	-	41	39
TOTAL	846	Nil	304	195

B.C.G. Vaccination

Routine Mantoux testing and B.C.G. Vaccination continued during 1969. A total of 898 children entering Senior Schools in the division were vaccinated against Tuberculosis. A table showing the results of the vaccination scheme is shown below.

B.C.G. Vaccination 1969

District	Number Skin Tested	Number Positive	% Positive	Number found to be negative	Number Vaccinated
Cudworth	95	6	6.3	87	87
Darfield	83	2	2.4	76	76
Darton	140	2	1.4	134	134
Dodworth	37	2	5.4	33	33
Royston	95	3	3.2	89	89
Wombwell	206	13	6.3	178	178
Worsbrough	213	14	6.5	190	190
Barnsley Girls' High School	121	6	4.9	111	111
TOTAL	990	48	5.0	898	898
TUBERCULOSIS CONTACT SCHEME	65	-	Nil	65	126

MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

The number of cases attended by domiciliary midwives fell to 337, compared with 437 in the previous year. There were 990 institutional confinements, compared with 993 in 1968. The proportion of patients delivered in hospitals and maternity homes rose from 69.8% to 74.4% in 1969. The proportion of domiciliary patients receiving some form of analgesia was 76%. The year showed a very significant trend towards institutional confinements and a corresponding fall in the number of home confinements. This trend compares with other areas in the Administrative County. Recruitment of midwives to replace losses by retirement and other reasons proved to be difficult throughout the year.

		<u>No. of cases</u>
Pethidine	... ..	56
Trilene alone	... ..	100
Trilene and Pethidine	...	102
TOTAL	...	<u>258</u>

Ante-Natal Clinics

There was a decrease in the number of women attending West Riding Ante-Natal Clinics and the number of attendances fell also. The trend towards general practitioners running their own ante-natal clinics, either in their own premises or at West Riding Clinics continued and this accounts for the decline in the official West Riding Clinics, because such attendances are not reflected in our statistics. Attendances at relaxation and mothercraft classes fell by 29%. Staffing difficulties may in part have accounted for this reduction due to the fact that available staff had to devote most of their time to ante-natal clinics, confinements and post-natal care of the patients under their care.

Infant Welfare Clinics

Attendances at Infant Welfare Clinics in the Division showed a decrease. During 1969, 36,826 attendances were made showing a decrease of approximately 3.6% over the previous year. The attendances, however, clearly indicate that good use is being made of the clinic facilities available in the area. The tendency continued during the year for general practitioners to conduct their own Child Welfare Clinics in either County clinics or their own premises. Attached nursing staff were made available to help with this work. At Worsbrough the general practitioners conducted their own Child Welfare sessions at the County clinic, the official County clinic being held on one half-day only. An attempt was made to concentrate on more specialised work at this clinic in the form of routine developmental assessments of pre-school children. This change in child welfare clinic organisation could explain the apparent fall in attendances mentioned earlier at the official County sessions.

ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINICS AND RELAXATION CLASSES

Clinic	NUMBER OF WOMEN ATTENDING ANTE-NATAL CLINICS			TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINICS		ATTENDANCES AT RELAXATION AND MOTHERCRAFT CLASSES	
	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	By Hospital Booked Patients	By Domiciliary Booked Patients
CUDWORTH ...	86	58		498	58	94	46
DARFIELD ...	-	-		-	-	203	120
DARTON ...	-	-		-	-	153	63
GAWBER ...	-	-		-	-	-	-
ROYSTON ...	91	47		540	47	154	140
WOMBWELL ...	-	-		-	-	364	176
WORSBROUGH ...	-	-		-	-	177	4
TOTALS	177	105		1,038	105	1,145	549

TABLE SHOWING INFANT WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES DURING 1969

District	Total number of children attending	Number of Attendances
Cudworth	509	4,227
Darfield	412	3,621
Darton	457	3,520
Staincross	260	2,313
Gawber	155	1,039
Dodworth	382	2,660
Royston	592	5,601
Wombwell	710	7,032
Jump	131	1,742
Worsbrough	316	1,348
Birdwell	208	2,008
Blacker Hill	212	1,715
TOTAL	4,344	36,826

Health Visiting

The table below shows the number of first visits made by the Health Visitors in 1969. Other visits made are no longer recorded and the information is, therefore, no longer available for statistical purposes.

HEALTH VISITING CARRIED OUT IN 1969

	First Visits
Visits to children born in 1969	1,200
Visits to children born in 1968	1,592
Visits to children born in 1964-1967	2,573
TOTAL Visits to children under 5 years	5,365
Geriatric other than for domestic help	619
Other visits including Tuberculosis	2,114
TOTAL VISITS	8,098

Health Visiting and Home Nursing Attachment Scheme

The scheme of attachment of Health Visitors and Home Nurses to general practitioners was continued during the year. In principle the scheme allows the attached nurse to work with a general practitioner as a "team" in a practice rather than a geographical area as in the past. The scheme has been well accepted by the general practitioners and the attached staff. On the health visiting side, difficulty in recruitment of qualified Health Visitors has caused some administrative problems in running the scheme, but it is evident already that liaison and co-operation with the general practitioners has improved in all areas.

Screening Techniques

During the year 1,270 babies were tested for the presence of Phenylketonuria, 1,269 of whom proved negative. This is an important screening technique aimed at preventing mental sub-normality developing in a baby who has a positive reaction. The one case of phenylketonuria which was discovered in early infancy was referred to the Paediatrician with the co-operation of the general practitioner. Treatment with special diet was commenced immediately and frequent assessments showed that the baby was developing perfectly normally.

Ortolani tests were carried out on all babies born in the Division to discover cases of congenital dislocation of the hip. If such cases are discovered early the treatment is of much shorter duration and the results enormously improved. As a result of this screening technique no less than 20 cases were referred to the Orthopaedic Surgeon and confirmed as dislocation; thereby qualifying for early treatment of the condition.

Routine Hearing Tests in Infants

A computer scheme which was introduced into the Division in March, 1968, continued during 1969. The scheme enabled the Health Visiting staff to perform simple routine hearing tests on all young babies between the ages of six and nine months. The purpose of the scheme is to detect serious loss of hearing as soon as possible, preferably before speech has been acquired. Appointments are made automatically by the computer and the information provided by the tests is recorded centrally. Follow-up appointments when indicated are also arranged

WOMEN'S SCREENING CLINIC

The screening clinic which commenced early in 1968, continued during the year and was transferred to much more suitable premises owned by the Family Planning Association at 31 Queens Road, Barnsley. During the year 965 women attended, compared with 803 women in 1968. Sessions were held twice weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. The results of the screening clinic for 1969 are shown below:

Women's Screening Clinic 1969

Total attendances	... ..	1,063
Patients seen	... ..	965
Re-calls	... ..	98

Abnormalities detected

- a. malignant disease: cancer of the uterine cervix (7)
cancer of the body of the uterus (4)
breast abnormalities (suspected malignant) (3)
- b. disease of the uterine cervix:
erosion (22)
polyp. (16)
friability of cervix (2)
cervical discharge (1)
- c. diseases of the uterus
bulky uterus (9)
fibroids (9)
prolapse (2)
metrorrhagia (1)
- d. genital infections:
trichomonas (3)
pruritis vulvae (5)
- e. other diseases and abnormalities:
hypertension (26)
obesity (11)
glycosuria (1)
hernia (1)
depression (1)
insomnia (1)

The clinic proved to be very popular with the women and the results show the undoubted value of screening procedures in women. No less than 11 cases of early cancer of the uterus were detected during the year and the patients were referred to the Consultant Gynaecologist for treatment, with the co-operation of the general practitioner. This technique is proving to be an important preventive measure in the reduction of cancer mortality from malignant disease of the uterus.

Home Nursing Service

There was an increase in the number of visits carried out by the Home Nursing Service during the year. 51,670 visits were made, compared with 48,156 in the previous year. Attachment of nursing staff to general practitioners means that it is no longer possible to breakdown work into areas. Analysis of work is still possible in clinical varieties and is shown below. The increase in visits was in the main to geriatric medical cases.

HOME NURSING CARRIED OUT DURING 1969

Total number of cases	... ..	1,632
No. of cases who were over 65 years of age		901

VISITS MADE

Medical	... ..	41,461
Surgical	... ..	9,329
Infectious Disease	... ..	71
Tuberculosis	... ..	721
Maternal Complications	... ..	64
Other cases	... ..	24
	TOTAL	<u>51,670</u>

Geriatric Services

Excellent liaison was maintained with the Consultant Geriatrician in the form of weekly meetings at the Mount Vernon Hospital attended by the Divisional Medical Officer, Divisional Nursing Officer and a member of the Staff of the West Riding Welfare Department, together with the Consultant Geriatrician, Dr. P. K. Ramaswami, and the hospital social worker. Discussions took place both with regard to the admission and discharge of geriatric patients with mutual benefit.

Day and Night Nursing Services

This service was taken over by the County Council from the Marie Curie Trust. No cases required help during 1969.

Chiropody

The number of patients treated last year showed an increase of approximately 17%, I feel that it is important that we should encourage patients to make every effort to visit the chiropodist at his clinic or surgery rather than rely on domiciliary treatment, not only is domiciliary treatment much more expensive to provide but it is felt that old people would generally benefit by the social contacts made whilst attending the clinic. There was, however, an increase of 27% in the number receiving domiciliary treatment

Domiciliary Chiropody

District	No. of patients	
	1969	1968
Cudworth	52	38
Darfield	77	77
Darton	231	165
Dodworth	51	65
Royston	106	112
Wombwell	143	57
Worsbrough	253	204
TOTALS	913	718

Loan of Equipment

This service was continued and issues made are indicated below:

	<u>No. of issues</u>		<u>No. of issues</u>
Bedding - blankets	18	Mattresses	51
pillows	16	Pressure Rings	99
pillow-cases	14	Rubber Sheets	223
sheets	40	Walking Aids inc. crutches	111
Bed Cradles	55	Wheel Chairs- Adult	56
Bed Pans	210	Junior	1
Bed Rests	116	Adult Cot	1
Bedsteads with Poles	16	Fracture Boards	7
Bedsteads other	11	Electric Suction Pump	1
Commodes	72	Hydraulic Hoists	2
Cushions Dunlopillo	8		

There was once again a trend during the year to receive requests for more sophisticated types of equipment than was the case in the past.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

Area	No. of sessions held	NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED IN CLINIC OR SURGERY			NO. OF TREATMENTS CARRIED OUT IN CLINIC OR SURGERY			NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED AT HOME			NO. OF TREATMENTS CARRIED OUT AT HOME	
		Pen-sioners	Physically Handicapped	E.M.	Pen-sioners	Physically Handicapped	E.M.	Pen-sioners	Physically Handicapped		Pen-sioners	Physically Handicapped
Cudworth	55	140	1	-	436	3	-	52	-		173	-
Darfield	108	196	8	-	936	34	-	73	4		328	45
Darton	141	220	4	1	1,059	4	2	224	7		1,044	41
Dodworth	98	167	3	-	771	11	-	51	-		230	-
Royston	138	241	1	1	1,562	1	1	104	2		1,043	11
Wombwell	194	392	17	-	1,485	75	-	143	-		579	-
Worsbrough	265	393	6	7	2,428	21	15	249	4		1,270	24
DIVISIONAL TOTALS	999	1,749	40	9	8,177	149	18	896	17		4,667	121

Home Help Service

The Home Help Service was again provided mainly for the elderly. The number of households assisted during the year remained at 1,078, while the number of hours expended fell by just over 3.2%. An increased demand for the service is inevitable in view of the fact that the proportion of elderly infirm in the general population increases slightly year by year. Increasing family mobility can result in the elderly having no relatives who live nearby to help them and indeed, in some cases, relatives who do live in close proximity are unwilling to help their elderly parents. These latter cases are always the more distressing and produce an increasing demand on the service. Working in heavy industries and in particular mining, seems to produce early invalidation and infirmity in the retired male age group, this in turn can produce a demand for the service. Recently there has been a welcome tendency to rehabilitation and early discharge in the case of geriatric patients. Cases of this nature on discharge often require substantial assistance in the form of domestic help.

Category	No. of Cases			Hours employed
	From previous year	New Cases	TOTAL	
Over 65 years	798	186	984	137,388
Under 65 years:				
Chronic Sick ...	62	15	77	12,996
Mentally Disordered	2	-	2	466
Maternity ...	-	5	5	231
Others ...	9	1	10	2,620
TOTAL ...	871	207	1,078	153,701

Health Education

Health education has continued steadily throughout the year, though the division is still handicapped by the lack of sufficient trained health visitors. Accidents by poisoning in the 0 - 5 years age range still gives rise to great concern. Greater efforts must be made by parents and those who have children in their care, to keep dangerous tablets and liquids under lock and key. Approaches by Parent-Teacher Associations for talks by health visitors have been made and staff have been pleased to help whenever possible. The divisional staff is very willing to help any organisation, in giving talks about preventive medicine.

Nurseries and Child Minders' Regulation Act, 1948
Amended by the Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968, Section 60

The above legislation was introduced early in the year. It was necessary to register all child minders in the area and registration was also required for sessional-day care and full-day care.

Details of registration were as follow:

(a)	Number of child minders registered during 1969	...	1
(b)	Number of sessional-day care premises registered during 1969	...	1
(c)	Number of full-day care premises registered during 1969	...	-
Numbers refused registration under (a), (b) and (c)			Nil

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

A. Mental Sub-Normality

Distribution of Mentally Handicapped

	FEMALES		MALES		TOTAL
	Over 16 yrs.	Under 16 yrs.	Over 16 yrs.	Under 16 yrs.	
Cases on Register at 31st December, 1969,	113	34	106	40	293
No. attending Training Centre	32	16	34	26	108
No. resident in Hostels	2	-	1	-	3
No. working or assistaing in the home ...	65	20	78	-	163
No. refused Training Centre place	12	1	-	6	19
During the year 14 sub-normal cases were admitted for short-stay care.					

Training Facilities for Mentally Sub-Normal Patients

Training facilities continued at the Wombwell Comprehensive Training Centre at Wombwell. The essential basic training in the Junior Wing continued under Mrs. E. Large, the Centre Supervisor, and the policy of taking children under the age of five years continued to be successful. Contract work continued for County Supplies Department in the Adult Wing and during the year a gradual expansion of work and variety of jobs occurred.

The Special Care Unit situated in the grounds of the Centre opened in January, 1968, continued to provide facilities to cater for up to twelve severely handicapped patients who are unable to attend the Training Centre. The Parent-Teachers' Association continued to do valuable work. Fund raising activities were successful and social events, outings and games were organised. The members of the Association are to be congratulated for the help they gave in making the social events such a success. During the year static physical education equipment was installed at the Training Centre from the funds of the Centre Parent-Teachers' Association. Various gifts which were given to the Association by voluntary bodies during the year were very much appreciated.

B. Psychiatric Service

Throughout the year good liaison was maintained between the Mental Welfare Officers, the general practitioners in the Division and the Hospital Psychiatric Out-Patient Department.

There were 109 admissions to mental hospitals during the year:

Classification of Admissions

	No. of Patients
Informal - Section 5 ...	69
Emergency - Section 29 ...	27
Observation - Section 25 ...	10
Treatment - Section 26 ...	3
TOTAL ...	109

C. After-Care

67 new patients were added to the register as requiring support from the Mental Welfare Officers. This is a rise of 37 cases.

